

Program C: Client Payments

Program Authorization: Social Security Act as amended by P.L. 100-485; R.S. 46:237.1-236.2

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Client Payments Program is to pay financial benefits directly to, or on behalf of, those individuals and families who make application and are found eligible under the requirements of the appropriate program. These payments serve to accomplish the office's primary mission of assisting vulnerable people in meeting their basic human needs of economic support and promoting self-sufficiency and independence.

The goals of the Client Payments Program are:

1. To increase the ability of low-income individuals and families who are unable to provide for themselves or their families through employment or their own resources, to obtain the basic necessities of life by providing temporary money grants to or on behalf of those who are eligible for assistance.
2. To reduce and avoid dependency on public assistance through the payment to custodial parents of child support collected from non-custodial parents, and to pay child support incentive payments to entities responsible for collections.
3. To supply funds directly to public assistance recipients, or through purchase of service contracts, for education and training services to enable them to achieve or move toward self-sufficiency.
4. To finance the provision of child care during education and training of Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) recipients, or to former FITAP recipients, during periods of transition to independence.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during or by the end of FY 2000-2001. Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicator values are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year (the fiscal year of the budget document).

The objectives and performance indicators that appear below are associated with program funding in the Base Executive Budget for FY 2000-01. Specific information on program funding is presented in the financial sections that follow performance tables.

1. (KEY) To provide for the issuance of monetary assistance and benefits to clients in the FITAP, FIND Work, Support Enforcement, and Child Care Programs.

Strategic Link: *This objective is instrumental in the accomplishment of Strategic Objective II.1.5: To provide child support diverse operations of agency programs through June 30, 2001; and Strategic Objective II.1.6: To provide child care assistance to or on behalf of families in an effort to increase and encourage their self-sufficiency in compliance with laws and regulations through June 30, 2001.*

Explanatory Note: *The Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP)* provides cash assistance to families with children when the financial resources of the family are insufficient to meet subsistence needs. *The Family Independence Work Program (FIND Work)* assists FITAP recipients with educational, training and work-related activities designed to lead to employment and self-sufficiency. *Child Support Enforcement Program* provides child support services, including establishment of paternity; establishment and enforcement of child, medical, and spousal support orders; location of absent parents; and collection and distribution of court ordered and voluntary obligations to FITAP and Non-FITAP recipients. *The Child Care Assistance Program* provides financial assistance for child care for low-income families. Payments are made directly to child care providers based upon family size and income.

LEVEL	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES					
		YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1998-1999	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 1998-1999	ACT 10 PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1999-2000	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1999-2000	AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2000-2001	AT RECOMMENDED BUDGET LEVEL FY 2000-2001
	FITAP ASSISTANCE						
K	Average number of monthly cases in FITAP	Not applicable ¹	41,433	47,000	47,000	34,000	34,000
K	Total annual payments (in millions)	\$123.9	\$81.7	\$88.8	\$88.8	\$75.0	\$75.0
K	Average monthly FITAP grant	\$154.0	\$164.0	\$165.0	\$165.0	\$165.0	\$165.0
S	Average number of refugee cases	35	38	Not applicable ²	39	40	40
S	Total annual refugee cash assistance	\$61,992.0	\$49,215.0	Not applicable ²	\$50,554.0	\$52,000.0	\$52,000.0
	FIND WORK						
K	Average number of FIND Work participants (monthly)	18,389 ¹	11,979	15,651	15,651	13,824	13,824
K	Total annual payments (in millions)	Not applicable ¹	\$19.1	\$44.0	\$44.0	\$34.2	\$34.2
S	Payments for education & training	Not applicable ¹	\$10.4	\$30.4	\$30.4	\$23.6	\$23.6
S	Payments for transportation	Not applicable ¹	\$8.7	\$13.6	\$13.6	\$10.6	\$10.6

	SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT						
K	Average number of cases	156,811	155,841	159,148	159,148	168,308	168,308
K	Parent pass through funds (in millions)	\$193.4	\$75.7	\$211.8	\$211.8	\$241.4	\$241.4
S	Total number of collection cases (Non-IVD)	845	735	Not applicable ²	816	772	772
S	Non-IVD parent refunds	\$3.4	\$2.4	Not applicable ²	\$3.0	\$2.5	\$2.5
	CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE						
K	Total annual payments (in millions)	Not applicable ¹	\$99.8	Not applicable ²	\$96.2	\$106.7	\$106.7

¹ This performance indicator did not appear in Act 19 and therefore has no performance standard for 1998-1999.

² This performance indicator did not appear in Act 10 and therefore has no performance standard for 1999-2000.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 1998-1999	ACT 10 1999- 2000	EXISTING 1999- 2000	CONTINUATION 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$72,219,857	\$35,243,538	\$35,281,038	\$35,243,538	\$31,279,196	(\$4,001,842)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	7,321,546	0	312,500	0	0	(312,500)
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	0	1,489,137	1,489,137	1,489,137	1,489,137	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	137,475,194	175,832,686	175,832,686	173,072,686	173,072,686	(2,760,000)
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$217,016,597	\$212,565,361	\$212,915,361	\$209,805,361	\$205,841,019	(\$7,074,342)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Compensation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Related Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses	2,022	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Services	839	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	217,013,736	212,565,361	212,915,361	209,805,361	205,841,019	(7,074,342)
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$217,016,597	\$212,565,361	\$212,915,361	\$209,805,361	\$205,841,019	(\$7,074,342)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with General Fund, statutory dedications and Federal Funds. Federal Funds are obtained from: The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant for temporary monthly cash payments; The Social Security Act, Section 1113 and P.L. 86-571 for payments to U. S. citizens returning from a foreign country due to mental illness or destitution; Refugee Resettlement Act of 1980 (P.L. 212) for payments to needy refugees, and The Child Care and Development Block Grant, for child care assistance payments. The statutory dedication is the Louisiana Fund (Tobacco Settlement) to match federal child care funds for transfer to the Department of Education for the Starting Points Program.

ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDATION

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$35,243,538	\$212,565,361	0	ACT 10 FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$37,500	\$350,000	0	Carry forward general fund and interagency transfer means of financing from the Office of Emergency Preparedness for disaster assistance payments that were received during FY 1998-99 but were not completed prior to June 30, 1999
\$35,281,038	\$212,915,361	0	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET – December 3, 1999
(\$3,964,342)	(\$3,964,342)	0	Continuation of reductions imposed by Executive Order MJF 99-52 in FY 00-01
(\$37,500)	(\$350,000)	0	Non-Recurring Carry Forwards
\$0	(\$2,760,000)	0	Workload Adjustments - Reduce federal funds for payments to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families recipients to reflect a continuing decline in the welfare rolls
\$31,279,196	\$205,841,019	0	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$31,279,196	\$205,841,019	0	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON SALES TAX RENEWAL:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON SALES TAX RENEWAL
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$31,279,196	\$205,841,019	0	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

The total means of financing for this program is recommended at 96.7% of the existing operating budget. It represents 93.4% of the total request (\$220,333,556) for this program. Major changes include the following reductions: \$3,964,342 to annualize the Executive Order reductions imposed by MJF 99-52; \$2,760,000 to reflect the continuing decline in the welfare rolls, and \$350,000 for non-recurring carry forwards.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

0 This program does not have funding for professional services

\$0 TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OTHER CHARGES

96,262,004	Subsidized child day care payments for Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) recipients, and for other low income parents
68,443,658	Monthly cash assistance payments for eligible FITAP recipients
30,198,813	Payments for job training, transportation and other welfare to work supportive services to FITAP recipients
1,953,810	Payments for teen pregnancy prevention services
593,854	Cash assistance payments for eligible refugees
100,000	Provision to reimburse custodial parents for child support payments for lost checks, until the check is located, or reissued
1,000	Payments to indigent U.S. citizens repatriated from foreign countries due to poverty or other circumstances

\$197,553,139 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Interagency Transfers:

5,019,000	Payments to the Dept. of Education for the Starting Points preschool program
1,800,000	Payments to the Office of Community Services for day care services for foster children
1,123,628	Payments to various Vocational and Technical schools for job training services for FITAP recipients
210,054	Payments to the Dept. of Health and Hospitals for medical services for refugees
78,008	Payments to the Office of Women's Services for job training services for FITAP recipients
46,190	Payments to the Office of Public Health for teen pregnancy prevention services
11,000	Payments to the Office of Community Services for social services to refugees

\$8,287,880 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

\$205,841,019 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$0 This program does not have funding for acquisitions and major repairs

\$0 TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS